

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement that was mailed on January 31, 2003, has been received and reviewed.

Pursuant to the Restriction Requirement, an election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group 1, including claims 21-33, which are drawn to an assay system for analysis of a biological liquid sample which includes a light detector for detecting evanescent light.

An early examination of claims 21-33 is respectfully solicited, as is a favorable conclusion as to the allowability of each of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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